

the election of one of subgroups (A)-(D). It is respectfully submitted that Applicant should not be required to incur the substantial costs associated with the filing of multiple applications in order to obtain protection for the claimed subject matter. In particular, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine not only subgroup (D) as they are directed to a neuroprogenitor or stem cell, but also the subgroups (A)-(C). Applicants respectfully submit that such a search and examination can be made without serious burden on the Examiner.

**REMARKS**

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 26, 2006 to August 26, 2006.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3503. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account 50-3503.

Respectfully submitted,

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